

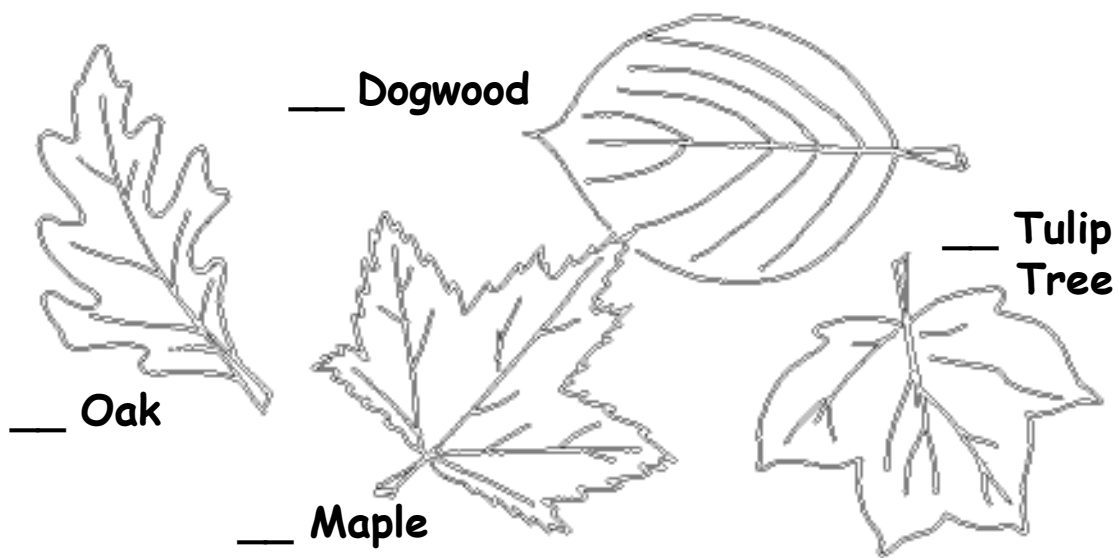
Junior Naturalist Activity Book

Naturalists are people, like you, who are interested in learning about nature. They may be biologists (people who study living things), or geologists (people who study rocks and minerals), but often they are just people who like to be outside and want to know more about the natural world.

Junior Naturalists are kids who are interested in nature and in our national parks. By completing this activity booklet and bringing it back to a visitor center, you can learn about the national park here at Delaware Water Gap, become a Junior Naturalist, and earn an award.

A Look at Leaves

There are lots of kinds of plants in the park. Naturalists identify many plants using their flowers or leaves. See if you can find each of these leaves. You can pick a leaf up from the ground to look at it carefully, but don't pull them off the trees! Trees need their leaves to make food.



A Naturalist's Journal

Many naturalists keep journals to help them to look more closely at the things that they see and to help them remember what they saw. Find a nice spot where you can sit down and make a journal entry in the space below.

_____ 's Nature Journal

Describe what you see around you or draw a picture.

Do you hear any sounds? Can you smell or feel anything? What?

Now, close your eyes. Do you hear, smell, or feel anything now? What?

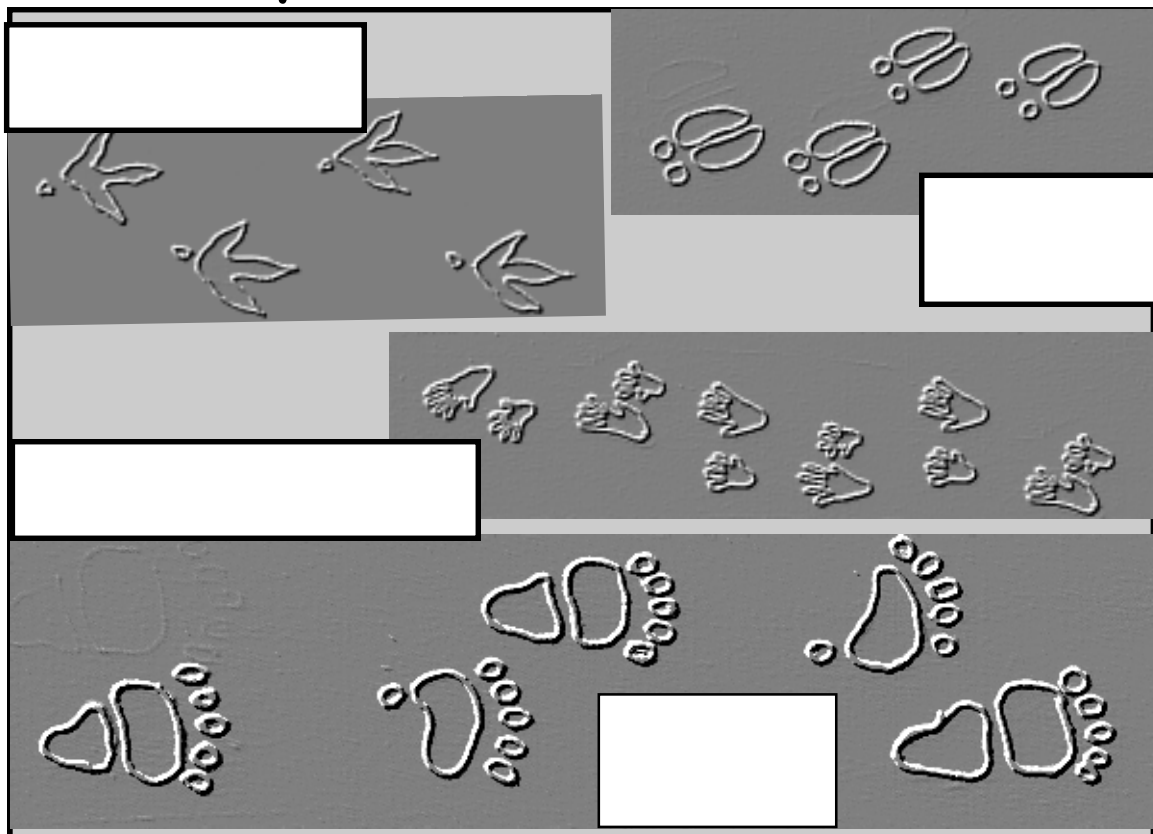
We humans tend to use our sight and not our other senses. Imagine all the things we'd notice if we used all our other senses like animals do.

Tracking a Trail

There are many kinds of animals that live in the park. Sometimes we don't get to see the animals, but usually there are signs that they leave behind. What kind of things do animals leave behind?

One thing that animals leave behind are footprints. Naturalists call animal footprints *tracks*. Can you match these tracks with the animals who made them? Draw an arrow showing which way you think the animals were walking when they made the tracks.

Turkey Bear Raccoon Deer



What am I?

Naturalists are also interested in things like rocks and streams, things that are important to the environment, but are not alive. See if you can figure out what things are described below:

1. I'm something that you cannot see,
unless I'm blowing through a tree.
I cool things down and dance with leaves,
and make it possible to breathe.

What am I? _____

2. I'm something that a gardener hoes,
I make it so the plants can grow.
I'm mud when wet, when dry I'm firm.
I can be a home to worms.

What am I? _____

3. I give the flowers energy,
that they need to feed the bees.
You'll see me way up in the sky,
a ball of fire that never dies.

What am I? _____